Nominations to the Legislative Council.

33. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the communities which are considered by Government to belong to the minority communities in the State ;

(b) from what all such communities Government received representations for nomination to the Legislative Council ;

(c) does Mr. P. I. Varugis, the newly nominated Member, belong to any of these communities; what are the special reasons for nominating him to the Council ;

(d) at the time of the nomination, were there any other members belonging to the same community as Mr. P. I. Varugis?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A list of minority communities is not maintained by Government.

(b) Representations were received from

(1) The Pulayas,
(2) „ Gowd Saraswat Brahmins,
(3) „ Perumannans,
(4) „ Arayans,
(5) „ Gujerattis,
(6) „ Anglo-Indians,
(7) „ Protestants,
(8) „ Anglicans,
(9) „ Chaldeian Syrians,
(10) „ Mar Thoma Church,
(11) „ Open Brethren Mission.

(c) Yes; he was considered a fit person to represent various minority communities.

(d) No, if the Member means the Protestant Christian community.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(c) May I know which are these communities.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All that are there and many more there are.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any other?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All those who style themselves as minority community.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he considered a fit person to represent all these minority communities who are given nominations to the Council, for example, the Pulayas.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Apparently the very presence of the two Members shows that it is not so.

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